



MULTI MODAL COMMITTEE RAIL DIVISION REPORT SUBMITTED BY: CHARLES EDWARDS

BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION APRIL 4, 2018

PROJECTS (Provide status/update for top 3-5 projects in respective mode)

- P-5705B Charlotte Gateway Station
 - The contract for Trade Street median has been executed. Construction is anticipated to start the week of March 19. Rail Division Construction and the contractor are coordinating with CDOT on traffic modifications/lane closures.
 - Construction and maintenance agreements between NCDOT, Norfolk Southern, and the City of Charlotte are in process of execution. Supplemental contracts for the full design of the iconic canopy (cable stayed) has been authorized to proceed. The designer (HNTB) has been given instructions to hold design at the 30% level pending approval from City and NCDOT to continue to canopy design completion.
- U-4447 Blue Ridge Road
 - The Rail Division is the recipient of a TIGER grant by FHWA for \$19.9 Million. Once the official award and cooperative agreement are received, Rail staff will begin the setup of the grant and the required paperwork.
- P-4900 Pembroke Connection
 - Coordination continues between NCDOT Rail, NCDOT Communications, and CSX communications staff to discuss details of a press release and event marking completion of the new 2.4-mile long connector. NCDOT Communications has recommended and we are proceeding with a combined event marking the ground breaking for the UNC Pembroke Gateway roadway project in addition to marking completion of the Connector.
- DC to Richmond SE High Speed Rail
 - Staff continued coordination with Virginia DRPT on their DC2RVA (Washington, DC to Richmond, VA) Service Development Plan (SDP). DRPT's consultant team had previously developed train schedules for the Southeast Corridor 2030 design that conflicted with the Raleigh to Richmond FEIS schedules and created undesirable departure times from Charlotte and Raleigh. DRPT's team offered new schedules that addressed the Rail Division's issues and all parties gave verbal consent to the plan. Amtrak and CSX would have to approve the SDP results in the future.
- P-5704 Stouts Siding
 - Schedule has been revised to LET in early 2019 due to CSX not including their funding portion in their 2018 budget. All construction plans are to be in complete shape in the next several weeks. CSX has not yet confirmed if project will be in their 2019 budget. This project is on the QCE (Wilmington-Charlotte) route.

BUDGET UPDATES (Provide budget reporting pertinent to respective mode)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Share updates on announcements/upcoming events in respective mode)

<u>NEW</u>	<u>UPCOMING</u>

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MEETINGS ATTENDED (List any key meetings attended this month)

- P-5713 Hilltop Road Grade Separation - Greensboro
 - A Local Officials meeting, and Public Meeting have been scheduled for the Hilltop Road Grade Separation project TIP P-5713. The meetings are scheduled for March 22, from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm, and 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm respectively. This will be the first public meeting on this project and will be held at the Korean United Methodist Church at 2504 Woodlyn Way, Greensboro.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

- N/A